

Closing this Year's Budget Deficit

We took bipartisan action on a plan that resolved nearly all of the current fiscal year's budget deficit. The plan—which was approved unanimously in the Senate—was immediately signed by Governor Rell.

The plan includes a total of \$236 million in net spending reductions and fund transfers. A reasonable and balanced plan, it rejected cuts to school-based health centers and school transportation for children. It also rejected the governor's proposed increase in Medicare Part D co-pays for low-income seniors.

Additionally, we reduced fees for fishing and hunting permits and for state parks and campsite reservations.

State Funding for Local Roads

Norwalk received \$440,753 and Darien received \$166,784 for this year's Town Aid Road grants. These funds directly benefit our community and are one of the largest non-education grants provided by the state.

Conveyance Tax on Foreclosures

I'm pushing legislation designed to protect vulnerable borrowers facing financial difficulty by restoring an exemption to the state's real estate conveyance tax on foreclosures by sale, short sales and transfers in lieu of foreclosure for an additional two years. For years, I've expressed my opposition to the conveyance tax in general.

Supporting Jobs & Business Creation

Job training and re-training is an area where our state can help get people back to work. The Mortgage Crisis Job Training Program has literally saved hundreds of families from foreclosure while preparing individuals with the tools for higher-paying jobs. In addition, I am working with the Women's Business Development Center to make sure they have the support to continue helping their clients grow and expand their businesses. Both are small investments which bring economic value back to the state.

STATE SENATOR BOB DUFF

My Continuing Priority: Protecting You and Your Family



I was proud to join Cathy Dinas of Norwalk as she was honored by Person-to-Person in recognition of her academic achievements and volunteer record. Left to right: Josephine Anderson, Person-to-Person Scholarship Team; Jan Smith, Person-to-Person Board President; Cathy Dinas, Rebecca Wilson, Chairman of Person-to-Person Scholarship Team.

Dear Friend,

This year, our work at the state Capitol is about jobs, improving the economy and getting our fiscal house in order.

While it is difficult, as a state, to overcome the tsunami effect of the national and international recession, we must still rise to the occasion and do everything possible to land on our feet.

That's why I am pleased that the budget deficit for fiscal year 2010 was almost entirely eliminated through bipartisan action. We still have a steep hill to climb, but by working together the governor and legislature can continue to make the tough decisions that people expect.

It is an honor and privilege to serve you.
Please stay in touch.

Sincerely,



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